THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Punjab National Bank has reported that it has shown a net loss of Rs. 95.92 crores during 1995-96 mainly due to higher provisions towards depreciation on investment.

(c) The details of other public sector banks which had shown net losses during 1995-96, as reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are given below :

Name of the Bank	Net Loss (Rs. in crores)
State Bank of Saurashtra	230.31
Central Bank of India	73.55
Indian Bank	1336.40
Punjab & Sind Bank	132.10
UCO Bank	236.66
United Bank of India	234.46
Vijaya Bank	250.95

(d) Government/RBI have taken various steps to improve the overall functioning of banks. Based on the discussion with the top executives of banks for finalising performance commitments, specific advice was given on matters relating to strengthening of credit management to improve the quality of assets, toning up of internal control and other measures that facilitate the improvement of bank's health. Banks reporting operating and net losses are precluded from incurring fresh capital expenditure, fresh recruitment etc. It is also being continuously impressed upon the banks to make every effort for reduction of Non-performing assets to certain targetted levels. The setting up of Debt Recovery Tribunals in also expected to help banks in recovering certain disputed or defaulted dues.

[English]

Computerisation in DGCIS

5714. SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether office of the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta has been completely computerized;

(b) if so, whether the upto date figures of import and export of the country for every month is now available instead of quarterly figures; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (c). The Office of Directorate General of Commercial Inteilignence and Statistics has not yet been completely computerised although the services of mainframe computer are being used. Presently, DGCIS releases provisional foreign trade data on aggregate exports and imports within one month for the reference month. Provisional data on imports and exports by major commodity groups/countries and ports are released monthly in the form of a bulletin at the 2-digit level.

Fuel Linkage to Thermal Power Stations

5715. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. is reviewing its long term fuel linkages with 33 thermal power projects in the country;

(b) whether managements of some of these thermal power projects are reluctant to pay the earnest money demanded by the C.I.L.;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present position in this regard and the action proposed to be taken by the C.I.L. in those cases in which earnest money is not received by it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (d). Long-term coal linkages for Thermal Power Stations are considered by the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-term) functioning in the Ministry of Coal. Wherever long-term coal linkages are agreed subject to conclusion of a fuel supply agreement, power plants are required to enter into such an agreement with the Coal Companies.

CIL Board has reviewed the matter concerning fuel supply agreements and with the approval of the Board, CIL has *inter-alia* framed a policy that Independent Power Producers (IPPs) would have to pay earnest money equivalent to one month's value of coal supplies at the time of execution of the fuel supply agrement. Since no fuel supply agreement with any IPP has so far been executed, the occasion to pay earnest money has so far not arisen. IPPs with whom fuel supply agroement has been initiated have been told about the need for payment of earnest money.

[Translation]

Textile Units

5716. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT :
SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the status of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat in Textile industry of the Country;

(b) the number of units producing Handloom, Powerloom, synthetic yarn, readymade Garments, Cotton cloth, Hosiery & Khadi and the quantum of various type of clothes produced by them in these States;